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History¹

Madison Parish, named after the fourth president of the United States, was established on January 19, 1838. It was part of the Ouachita County, one of the original 12 counties. This section was home of the Tensas and Ouachita tribes. Many Indian mounds can be seen in the parish today.

Culture and Recreation³

Madison, a thriving parish in the northeast corner of Louisiana, sustains itself primarily on agriculture production. The process of spraying crops from



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airplanes was developed at the Tallulah Airport, the oldest airport in Louisiana. The area is rich in Civil War history, especially the siege of Vicksburg. Of special note is the Battle of Millikens Bend, the first conflict involving an entire company of African-American soldiers. Tallulah boasts the first covered mall in the United States, by designer Hayes Towne. Madison Parish is the home of the 65,000-acre Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge, complete with facilities for the disable tourist and fisherman. This refuge is the home of black bear, deer and many other bottomland species. Roundaway Bayou, as it meanders through the parish, features 30 lighted Christmas trees during the month of December.

| Parish Seat ¹ | Tallulah ^ı |
|---|-----------------------|
| | |
| Major Cities (over 5,000 population) ² | |
| Tallulah | |
| 1990 | 8,526 |
| 1997 (estimate) | 8,526 |
| | |
| Parish Population ² | |
| 1990 | 12,463 |
| 1997 (estimate) | |
| Breakdown of 1996 population (estimates) ⁶ | |
| White | 37% |
| African American | 62% |
| Other | |
| Male | 48% |
| Female | 52% |
| Population age 0-4 | |
| Population age 65 & Over | |
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| Geography | and | Statistic | cs ² |
|-----------|-----|-----------|-----------------|
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| Average elevation | 87 ft. |
|---|--------|
| Land area in square miles | |
| Water area in square miles ⁴ | |

Climate²

| Average temperatures | |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Annual | 64° |
| January | 45° |
| July | |
| Annual average rainfall | |

Labor Force (1995)1

| Euroti 1 0100 (1550) | |
|-----------------------------|--------|
| Civilian | 12,410 |
| Employed | 11,150 |
| Unemployed | |
| Unemployment | |

Agriculture1

Cotton and soybeans.

Colleges/Universities²

(within one hour commute) Northeast Louisiana University, Monroe

Public Libraries⁵...... 1

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| Educational Attainment (1990) ⁷ | |
|--|-------|
| | 2 40/ |
| Less than 5th grade | 9.1% |
| High school graduate or higher | 53.3% |
| Some college or higher | 23.7% |
| Bachelor's degree or higher | 9.2% |

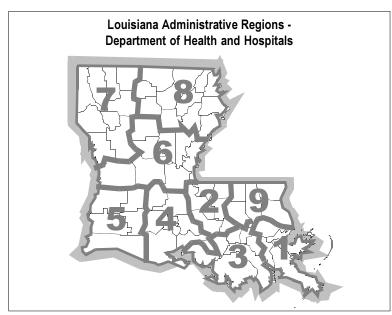
Major Employers (Products) and Number of Employees²

| Private Employers | |
|---|-----|
| API Outdoors, Inc. (Hunting equipment) | 100 |
| Delta Haven Nursing Home (Elderly care) | 90 |
| Tallulah Uniforms (Hospital uniforms) | 70 |
| Public Employers | |
| Madison Parish School Board (Education) | 391 |
| Madison Parish Hospital (Medical) | 122 |

| Poverty and Income | |
|---|----------|
| Persons in poverty (1995) ⁷ | 36.9% |
| Children under age 18 in poverty ⁷ | 49.0% |
| Per capita income (1996) ⁸ | \$14,990 |



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| Region 1 | Region 3 | Region 5 |
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| • | Region 3 | Region 5 |
| Jefferson | Assumption | Allen |
| Orleans | Lafourche | Beauregard |
| Plaquemines | St. Charles | Calcasieu |
| St. Bernard | St. James | Cameron |
| | St. John | Jefferson Davis |
| Region 2 | St. Mary | |
| Ascension | Terrebonne | Region 6 |
| East Baton Rouge | | Avoyelles |
| East Feliciana | Region 4 | Catahoula |
| Iberville | Acadia | Concordia |
| Pointe Coupee | Evangeline | Grant |
| West Baton Rouge | Iberia | LaSalle |
| West Feliciana | Lafayette | Rapides |
| | St. Landry | Vernon |
| | St. Martin | Winn |
| | Vermilion | |

Region 7

Bienville Bossier Caddo Claiborne DeSoto Natchitoches Red River Sabine Webster

Region 8

Caldwell East Carroll Franklin Jackson Lincoln Madison Morehouse Ouachita Richland Tensas Union West Carroll

Region 9 Livingston St. Helena

St. Tammany Tangipahoa Washington